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Application of: Furnas et al

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Examiner: Lu, Tom Y.

Title: Method and Apparatus for Diagnosing
Pathogenic or Allergenic Microorganisms
or Microparticles at a Remote Location

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

This communication is in response to the Examiner's final Office Action dated December 11, 2007, in which claims 41-51 were rejected. In view of a narrowing amendment to independent claim 41 in response to the Examiner's rejection, the accompanying amendments are believed to place the application in condition for allowance; Applicants therefore request withdrawal of the finality of the present rejections.

In the alternative, Applicants respectfully request entry of this communication after final in order to present the rejected claims in better form for consideration on appeal.

A petition for a one month extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(b) and a check for the requisite \$60 fee accompany this communication.